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PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 15966-557 CIP1 (Cura-57 CIP1))

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jeffers *et al.*

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/609,543

EXAMINER: Christine Saoud

FILING DATE: July 3, 2000

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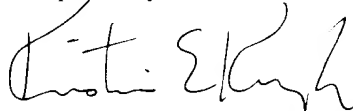
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action, mailed December 12, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before Monday, April 14, 2003. A check in the amount of \$55.00 (#16029), in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP1 (CURA-57 CIP1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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